# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:416
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2002
INEFFECTIVE POLIO DROPS
TUFANI SAROJ

**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there are three types of the polio viruses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the polio drops being administered to children at present in the country are not proving to be effective against all these viruses; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to tackle this situation effectively?

## Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 416 FOR 18.12.2002

There are three types of Polio Viruses namely P1, P2 and P3. Of these the type P2 has been eradicated from the World.

The Oral Polio Vaccine, is procured by Government of India and UNICEF and supplied to the States, is of international quality.The manufacturers from whom the vaccine is procured are being accredited by WHO from time to time.The bulk vaccine is procured by the manufacturers from WHO approved sources.The Oral Polio Vaccine is fully effective against all three types of polio viruses.Each batch of vaccine is tested and certified by the Central Drug Research Laboratory, Kasauli for potency and efficacy before the same is released for use in the field.